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"True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own."

-Nikos Kazantzakis

Call to Action

How do you engage your students? Be sure to share your strategies with teachers across the state by submitting strategies and resources to Whitney Antons at whitney.antons@nebraska.gov.

Cooperative Learning Part 2

Here are some simple strategies that can be used in any class

Round Robin Give the students a category (vitamins and minerals) and a specific amount of time. Working together, students list everything they can about the category. Lead students in discussion as a class after completion.

Jigsaw Students are organized into their "jigsaw" group where they each are given a topic. Each individual with the same topic will then go to their "expert" group where they will work with the member of each other group to become the experts of that content. The individuals then return to their "jigsaw" group to share what they learned about that topic. An example might be parenting styles with each style represented with an "expert" group.

Numbered Heads Together

After putting students in groups of 3-4, have them number themselves within each group. Ask a question and give the group time to come up with an answer together. Call out a number and the student from the group who is that number will stand and respond. Be sure to recognize correct answers and guide students toward better answers.

Three-Step Interview (It is vital when using this to demonstrate it first!) One student interviews another about an announced topic (favorite historical furniture styles) and when time is up, the students switch roles with the same topic. When time is called, that pair joins another and students take turns in introducing their partner and what they had to say about the topic.



Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

Cooperative learning can serve as a great teaching strategy but keep in mind the tips provided in Part 1. Diversity in your groups, clear expectations and practice, and appropriate group sizes are key to success in using cooperative learning strategies in your classroom.

CSO Spotlight

FCCLA

Registration is now open for our spring events including the Peer Education Conference February 22-23, 2015 as well as the State Leadership Conference, April 12-14, 2015. We are so excited about both of these events.

Peer Education Conference takes place in Kearney, and features great information on our three peer education programs, Student Body, Families

First, and Financial Fitness.

State Leadership Conference is our annual celebration of achievements, State STAR Event competition, and provides outstanding leadership development for members and advisers. This year's conference and offerings are all-new so check out the schedule online!

Information about both of these meetings can be found on the Meetings page at

www.nebraskafcccla.org.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Allison Kreifels.